

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 31 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 1 was amended and claim 31 was cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-14 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rose (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,709). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Rose is directed to systems and methods for managing the distribution of licensed application programs and application program components. Rose does not disclose or suggest an IDC which includes a template, encrypted in one of a plurality of manners, serving as person identification data of a target user for the content transaction, wherein a secure container distributing device among the plurality of user devices decrypts the encrypted template stored in the IDC identified in reference to the IDC identifier list based on the one of the plurality of manners, as required by claim 1. Thus, claim 1, and claims 2-4, 6-10, 12 and 14 that depend from claim 1 are allowable over Rose. Claim 31 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rose. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed above, Rose does not disclose or suggest an IDC which includes a template, encrypted in one of a plurality of manners, serving as person identification data of a target user for the content transaction, wherein a secure container distributing device among the plurality of


user devices decrypts the encrypted template stored in the IDC identified in reference to the IDC identifier list based on the one of the plurality of manners, as required by claim 1. Thus, it would not have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Rose to derive claims 11 and 13, which depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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